GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the presentation in World Trade organization the Government has formulated any proposal to control the situation arisen due to heavy subsidies provided to the agriculture sector by the developed countries;

(b) if so, the details of the draft proposal;

(c) whether consent of other developing countries of the world has been sought on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(d): In the on-going negotiations in the WTO India along with other WTOMembers including Argentina, Brazil, China, Egypt, Indonesia, Philippines, SouthAfrica, and Zimbabwe, as Members of the G-20 alliance on agriculture, have beenpressing for substantial reductions in trade-distorting domestic support and time bound elimination of export subsidies by heavy subsidizing developed countries.